

**Minutes of Executive Committee**  
**San Antonio Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution**  
**January 17, 2008**  
**Lion and Rose Pub – Blanco and Loop 410**

**Welcome:** President Frank Rohrbough welcomed the attendees.

**Attendees:**

President Frank Rohrbough  
President Elect Jay Higginson  
Vice President David Bowles  
Registrar/Secretary George Harcourt  
Compatriot Courtland Snyder  
Compatriot John Hollje  
Compatriot Joe Ware  
Compatriot Ed Heath  
Compatriot Jim Massingill  
Compatriot John Orr  
Compatriot Rueben Perez  
Compatriot Peter Baron  
Compatriot Bill Clanton

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **Knight Essay:** Compatriot Bowles has received 5 entries for the Contest. Over 30 schools were contacted. After review, Charles William Aldrete, a senior at Central Catholic High School, was selected. He will receive a Certificate and a \$100 check from the Chapter and be nominated to the Texas Society.
- B. **ROTC:** Compatriot Snyder reported that his team is ready to contact the schools beginning in February. He has Certificates of Appreciation for the 15 Compatriots who assisted him in 2007; they will be handed out at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Chapter Meeting.
- C. **Newsletter:** Compatriot Harcourt stated that he has one final Newsletter to publish and mail. It will be his last. Compatriot John Orr has agreed to take over as Editor of the Newsletter. Thank you John.
- D. **Flag Program:** Compatriot John Orr was reported that a Flag Certificate was presented to the Stone Oak Ophthalmology Center on November 28<sup>th</sup>. President Rohrbough and Compatriot Peter Baron were present. Compatriot Orr noted that plans are in the works to present a Flag Certificate to Ferguson Plumbing Supplies in early February 2008.
- E. **Speaker Program:** Compatriot Rueben Perez presented an outline for speakers for our Chapter Meeting in 2008. He is well ahead of schedule in aligning speakers for our Meetings for the first half of the year.
- F. **School Poster Program:** Compatriot Bill Clanton agreed to take on this program for this year. He will work to get a Poster submission (by a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class) for the Texas Society's Annual Meeting in March 2008.

## **Old Business:**

- A. **Status of Budget:** Compatriot Higginson provided an End of Year Financial Report noting that the Chapter is in good financial position with \$6304.50 in the checking and savings. He handed out the Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Statement. The Report is available on request. Compatriot Higginson noted that he had the Financial Books and was prepared to turn them over to the Financial Review Committee.
- **Chapter Budget for 2008:** Compatriot Higginson will prepare a 2008 Budget for the next EC Meeting.
  - **Financial Review:** The Financial Review Committee, led by Compatriot Joe Ware and Members Compatriots Ed Heath and Massingill, will conduct their review of the Chapter Financial Records next week and report their findings shortly.
  - **Contract for Luncheon Meetings:** Compatriot Bowles raised a question about the invoice from Aldino's Restaurant and noted that we were being charged a tax and gratuity. He noted that those costs were included on the amount we agreed to in our contract with the Restaurant. He will contact look into the matter with the owner of Aldino's.
- B. **Induction of New Members:** Compatriot George Harcourt reported that there were no new members to induct at the January Chapter Meeting.
- C. **Late Dues for 2008:** Compatriot George Harcourt reported that he has worked to get members who have not paid their 2008 dues to do so. Those who have email addresses were sent a reminder notice to pay their dues so their membership would not lapse. He is waiting for an update roster from Bill Marrs, TXSSAR Secretary.
- D. **Patriot Ancestor Stories:** Compatriot Massingill reported that he has not received any new stories of Patriot Ancestors for our collection. Compatriot Massingill reported that he has a vignette for our Chapter Meeting next week.
- E. **Report on Participation in Fiesta (for 2008):** Compatriot Ed Heath reported that he is ready to have the Chapter President join him to meet with the Fiesta staff to address our participation in Fiesta in 2008. He noted that we would have to conduct an event that would have to be approved by the Fiesta Committee during Fiesta (April 2008). Based on early discussion, the EC Committee agreed that our "Let Freedom Ring" Ceremony would be our program and should be acceptable to the Fiesta Committee. Compatriot Heath and President Rohrbough will meet with the Fiesta Staff shortly.
- F. **Flag Program:** Compatriot John Orr was reported that a Flag Certificate was presented to the Stone Oak Ophthalmology Center on November 28<sup>th</sup>. President Rohrbough and Compatriot Peter Baron were present. Compatriot Orr noted that plans are underway to present a Flag Certificate to Ferguson Plumbing Supplies in early February 2008
- G. **Induction of Officers for 2008:** Compatriot Rohrbough noted that the officers for 2008 would be inducted at the end of the January Chapter Meeting (January 23<sup>rd</sup>). Compatriot Jim Heath, the Past President of the Texas Society SAR, will perform the Induction Ceremony.
- H. **Chapter Report for TXSSAR for 2007:** President Rohrbough reported that the Chapter Report was prepared and submitted on January 10<sup>th</sup>. He thanked Compatriots Stephen Rohrbough (Awards), Courtland Snyder (ROTC) and Harcourt (Membership) for their inputs to the Report.

## **New Business:**

### **A. Program for Chapter Meetings:**

- **January Meeting:** President Rohrbough noted that Maxine Heath would be our guest speaker at the January 23, 2008 Chapter Meeting. She will dress in period dress and speak as a “Friend of Martha Washington”.
- **February 2008:** Compatriot Perez noted that our speaker would be Compatriot Jack Cowen. He’ll speak on the Texas Connection to the American Revolution.

### **Other Business:**

- **SAR Booth at Convention Center:** President Rohrbough reported that he had received a call from the American Heritage Education Foundation (AHEF) stating that they had to **cancel their plans to place a booth** at the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) 92<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention. The booth will be used at another site instead. Therefore, **our Chapter will not attend this Convention** that will be held at the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center in San Antonio on February 22-24, 2008.
- **History Fair:** President Rohrbough reported that the Chapter would participate in a History Fair at Frank Tejada Middle School on April 5, 2008. This is a good event for us to spread the word about SAR. We will need to set up a program to tell of some of the events of the American Revolution – including the uniforms, the weapons used and what SAR is and does. **All members are invited and welcome to participate.**

**Adjournment:** Having no other business to conduct President adjourned the meeting at 1:05 PM.

Frank Rohrbough, Recorder